

NRO Relations

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Crowley to Duckett, TS Unno'd

Re: the NRO organization and where it should sit in the Pentagon structure.

Mr. Crowley said that due to experience of the past few years with the AF in the NRO, he was biased in favor of any move which would extricate the NRO from that domain. Mr. Duckett had pointed out that a good reason for having the NRO within the Air Force was to simplify the logistical support which the CIA programs get from the Air Force. Mr. Crowley suggested that Air Force support for CIA programs could be obtained no matter where the NRO should be placed organizationally. The concrete examples of how this had worked was seen in the U-2, A-12, and CORONA programs which had all been initiated before there was an NRO, but which had demanded and received an exceptional amount of Air Force support.

He believed that all would agree that DNRO job is a full-time occupation requiring undivided attn of the DNRO. We must do everything possible to break up the present relationship which has the Director, NRO not only an integral member of the AF hierarchy, namely Asst Secty for R&D, but also the immediate boss of one of the NRO major components, namely SAFSP (Gen Martin). There is no way that Dr. Flax can possibly function in his Assistant Secretary's role as well as act as supervisor of Gen Martin and at the same time even suggest that he is thinking or operating nationally.

NRO review(s) completed.

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The IG's survey of FMSAC reported in January 1969 recommended some of FMSAC's and OSI's responsibilities be realigned particularly with regard to space and missile intelligence and that the DD/I be consulted.

The DD/S&T declined to consult with DD/I so as not to re-raise issues which had been debated in the early days.

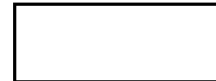
S&T Review for the DCI by DD/S&T for the year 1968

R&D contracting and coordinating activities of the Directorate.

Better planning, through extension of past coordination practices and, significantly, the participation of the other Deputy Directors with the DD/S&T in helping to steer the R&D program.

Better R&D contracting practices with the introduction of contracting teams; contracting seminars have raised the general level of knowledge of Project Officers and the Proj Officers Manual has been in use throughout the Agency for nearly a year.

Better data and management control of R&D has been introduced through the automatic data system for monitoring contracts throughout all Agency technical organizations so that a complete and consistent data base can be developed beginning with Fiscal Year 1970.



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